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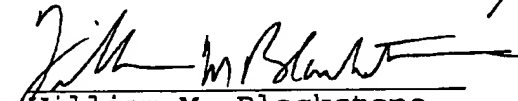
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action requiring election of invention and species issued July 12, 2001, Applicants elect Group I, claims 1-7, drawn to a polymer for examination in this case. Further, Applicants elect the species Vinylsulfomethylpolystyrene in response to the required election of species. This is represented by the compound Vinylsulfomethylpolystyrene 3 found on page 18 of the specification. The Vinylsulfomethylpolystyrene is most specifically covered by claim 5.

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